

Remarks

Claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18 were pending.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10 and 16 are deleted.

Claims 9, 11-15 and 18 are now pending and are under consideration.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Demme, U.S. Pat. No. 3,222,334.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 10 are canceled.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Nesvadba, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,262,206.

Claim 16 is canceled.

Claims 9, 11-15 and 18 are allowable.

In view of the present amendments, Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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